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The College Debt.

Several have responded to the supplement sent out last week and sent in pledges to help to cancel the college debt. We trust the brethren who live away in isolated places will speedily send in their pledges, as brother Holsinger cannot call upon them, on account of the time it would require and the expense it would make.

Every brother and sister ought to feel enough interest in our institution of education, and sympathy for those who are burdened with the debt, to give one, two or three dollars.

Any brother or sister, paying $50.00 in this way, will receive a certificate, as others, entitling them to a vote for trustees.

Concert of action will soon dispose of this matter, and then the other church works, as Bro. Arnold says, will receive encouragement.

Thine Adversary.

A correspondent asks this question based upon the Scripture, Mat. 5: 23: "Agree with thine adversary quickly:" "Who is the adversary?"

There is a very beautiful lesson couched in the two verses of Scripture that relates to that subject. The whole may be considered a metaphor or parable, and the actual is a case in law. In those times there was a Lower Court, in the Jewish Nation consisting of some twenty men, and was known as the Judgment, or Court of Judges; and it had power to punish and deliver into prison. This is simply a lawsuit and the adversary the plaintiff. Two men are going up to Jerusalem to have their case tried, and while they are going up, the Savior advises a settlement, because there is danger of getting into prison where the whole penalty or debt must be paid; while if defendant begs for settlement and withdrawal of the suit while on the journey, all that may be avoided and the prosecution will forgive part of the debt, or probably all.

God is the judge, or represents the Court of Judges. Jesus Christ holds a claim against us because he has bought us with his blood, a price. He demands of us obedience to his holy commandments. We are now traveling together up to Jerusalem—death and judgment—and if we agree with Christ while we are on the way the whole debt will be forgiven—*glorious truth*—and we will be in no danger of being condemned by the great Judge, and being cast into prison. The duration of that prison-life would be everlasting. If we are disobedient to the commands of Christ, we can never pay the debt after we are thrust into the prison that God has prepared for the ungodly and sinner; so that prison-life must be everlasting.

There is no restoration doctrine taught in that scripture. Our debt to Christ is beyond hope of liquidation; if he does not forgive it, we are *lost*.

The Next Term.

The winter term of the Ashland College will open Jan. 5th, with an increased attendance, and it promises many advantages to students preparing to teach or those desiring to obtain a short, practical business education. A Business Course of ten weeks has been arranged for those who desire to obtain this knowledge at little cost. This course is in many ways preferable to the short courses given by individuals, or even the short courses given by institutions devoted to teaching methods of business and book-keeping, for several reasons.

1. You have the privilege of entering classes that are studying any of the usual branches.

.2 You have society privileges and opportunities to engage in literary exercises.

3. You have access to library and reading-room.

4. You have the advantage of all general lectures given in the institution without extra cost.

5. The cost of living is the lowest.

The last term has been very satisfactory to students in attendance, and they have made progress such as will commend the College to any one who is seeking a place to go for a good, practical education, for teaching, or to aid them in the ordinary avocations of life.

Brethren, send your children to Ashland College, and give the Institution needed aid in that direction, and your son and daughter a practical education, under the best moral and religious influences.

Canon Farrar and America.

The New York *Observer* makes some very sensible remarks about the extravagance that our people lavish upon noted foreigners that visit this country, in the form of attention, feasts and the like.

Cannon Farrar is a celebrated English divine, is a smart man in various ways, but he is only a man after all, and as all true men do; feels his own frailties.

Courtesy is in order at all times and should be exercised toward every person; but hero-worship is a voluntary slavery, and a descent from our standing of dignity and self-respect that will lower us in the estimation of every man truly great. The admonition of the Scriptures is most appropriate: "Worship God."

Died in a Passion.

The world is now talking about Vanderbilt, who has just passed from life unto death; and at this time it is opportune to study the manner of his death and draw a lesson from the immediate cause that brought it on.

It may not be generally known, but the great millionaire died in anger. He was engaged in a heated discussion with Garrett, of the B. & O. Railroad, and while it is said that he died from apoplexy, in plainest language it was simply a flooding of the brain with blood occasioned by heated discussion or anger. The lesson to be drawn from the circumstance is one of self control. It is disastrous to health to fly away in passions of anger, and nothing is to be gained by it. One of the important works of life is to gain the mastery over our passions and be able to be master of our own being at all times. It is a work of virtue and a work of Christianity.

Fresh-Air Fund.

One of the peculiar charities of New York City is a Fresh-air Fund. The managers of the Fund, send thousands of poor children and worn mothers into the country every year, to remain some time and breathe the pure air of the country. The receipts this year amounted to almost $21,000 dollars. The amount of good that is done to the poor children is almost beyond calculation.

Notice.

This is to inform the brethren that what was once called the Newton Grove Congregation of the Brethren, will henceforth be known as the Pleasant Valley Congregation of the Brethren located in Cass Co., Michigan.

We expect to have our new church house here dedicated the fourth Sunday in January the Lord will. We extend a cordial invitation to all.

Those coming by rail must stop off at Cassopolis, or Dowagiac. The church is located east of Dowagiac, and north and east of Cassopolis.

WALTER CLARK.
Dowagiac, Michigan.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to thank our friends and neighbors, who contributed toward the purchasing of a beautiful set of silver knives and forks. We appreciate them very highly. We also have appreciated your kindness towards us during our stay with you and no where do we expect to find a better class of people than those whom we are leaving. Very truly yours.

MR. and MRS. W. H. WORST.
Congress, O., Dec. 12.

The Evangelist College Fund.

Mary Miller,	$5.00
John Miller,	6.00
W. Brower, M. D.,	10.00
J. M. Rittgers,	25.00
James A. Ridenour,	25.00
J. M. Ridenour,	5.00

The Annual.

The Annual will be out in a few days. We are delayed, by a miscarriage of the mails in getting the portraits.

It will contain a portrait of D. P. Sayler, author of the "Mandatory Resolution, early history of the Brethren Church, biography of Alexander Mack, Sen., and a picture of "Schoolhouse No. 7, with history of the events associated therewith that led to the organization of the Brethren Church. It will also contain the usual Calendar, Ministerial List, and instructive miscellany. The price is 20 cents each, or $2.00 per dozen. Send in names at once.

Is your hair turning gray and falling out? Hall's Hair Renewer will restore it to its original color, and stimulate the follicles to produce a new and luxuriant growth. It cleanses the scalp, eradicates dandruff, and is a most agreeable and harmless dressing.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Brother P. J. Brown is still in the valley.

Bro. Bashor is now at Lanark, Ill., holding a meeting.

Bro. E. D. Fike, of Milledgeville, Ill., sends us 22 names for next year. We appreciate such favors.

Bro. J. B. Moser, of Uniontown, Pa., is very poorly at present. He is afflicted with asthma.

Bro. E. Mason will commence a revival meeting at North Liberty, Ohio, this week. May success attend his efforts.

Bro. A. A. Cober has resigned as school teacher, and is going in the revival field. We hope he may have abundant success.

Bro. C. E. Nicholson, of Grundy Center, Iowa, gave us a call the first of the week. He is visiting relatives in Ohio,

The post office address of Elder E. Leonard, of Aurelia, Iowa, is now Elkhart, Ind., He has moved to the latter place.

Bro. J. M. Rittgers sends with his pledge a request for College notes. Thank you, dear brother, for your interest in the Institution.

Bro. A. J. Sterling's post office address will be Blanco, Pa., for two weeks. He is now assisting Bro. J. B. Wampler to hold a protracted meeting.

Look out for a repot from Northern Ind. Ridenour and J. M. Rittgers are both at work in a revival meeting at South-Bend. Convulsions everywhere.

Bro. C. L. Stiffler writes expressing himself well pleased with No. 49, and says that two more were added to the church at Enon, by relation Dec. 6th.

Bro. Isaac Murray, of Montana Kansas, says the church is in a healthy condition there, and that Bro. Watson had been there preaching; also, that Bro. Hixson is still in the field.

Bro. Isaac Kilheiner and wife were with us at the College chaple last Lord's day. The Lord has no truer follower than Bro. Isaac, and his presence always does the congregation much good.

This is the style of Ministerial card that brother A. D. Gnagey, uses:

BRETHREN CHURCH. (Baptist.)

DEAR FRIEND:
It would afford us much pleasure to see you at church on..... Subject:..... While you are invited and welcomed to all our services, we would like to see you particularly at the above named service.
Very Cordially, Your Friend.

Bro. P. J. Brown is in the midst of a glorious revival at Bear Creek, Ohio, twenty-two have already come out. Bro. Brown is proving himself to be a very successful laborer in the evangelistic field. It is gratifying to note this marked success, as P. J. has a vigorous constitu- and is able to do an immense work for the Lord and the church although aged.

Elder H. R. Holsinger arrived at Ashland last Sunday from Milford, Ind., where he attended a love feast. He reports very interesting meetings there under the management of Bro. R. F. Mallott, and a large number of accessions. Bro. Henry looks well, even though the work of canvassing for a college debt is discouraging in its effects sometimes. We are glad to know that his health is reasonably good. He remained with us till Tuesday, when he left for Berlin, Penna., to meet his wife and family, who are there, and spend the holidays. We hope and believe his Christmas will be a merry one, and we wish him a New Years as happy. He has struggled along very faithfully to remove the college burden and we trust he will soon be able to announce to the Brotherhood the successful completion of his great undertaking.

Trans Missouri Flashes.

This is Dec 10th, '85; weather has been very cold and windy of late.

A protracted meeting is now in progress in our town, conducted by Eld. Redline, of the "Christian," church.

Zeal not according to knowledge, is fanaticism.

Love to God means obedience to the gospel.

To be fashionable is not wrong unless the fashion followed is wrong.

The basis of Christian unity—"Let God be true, but every man a liar."

Men who think they are suffering much in our time and country for the cause of Christ, cannot be very familiar with Christian history.

People not willing to make big sacrifices for the cause of Christ should become converted.

Good looks and fine appearances often prove very deceptive.

Fools are often witty but seldom wise.

How much easier we would all feel if that College debt was paid. I believe the thousand dollar contributor would feel the best of all.

Now is the accepted time to serve the Lord, and to pay the College debt.

I look forward with hope toward our pending meetings at Coalton, Neb, one reason is, the brethren have regular prayer-meetings there though they are without preaching.

One reason why so many congregations are luke warm is because they contain too many goody goody members. I'll tell you sometime what I mean by goody goody.

If ever we are saved it will be because we are forgiven. One reason why we will be forgiven is because we appreciate God's love by obeying his commandments.

Sin is a horrible thing; because of it, murder, rapine, drunkenness, fornication, adultery, lying, stealing and general infidelity is making such sad havoc in the world.

Love God, love men in a good doing sense.

The devil would rather have us asleep than in any other condition.

A croaker occupies a very prominent position among the nuisances of earth.

A man too cowardly to have convictions does not amount to much in the world.

Every phase of despotism whether found in church or state is from the devil.

One of the best studies for young men is the science of Moral Courage.

W. J. H. BAUMAN.
Morrill, Kans.

The British have decided to send an army against the new Mahdi.